

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 cancelled.

Claim 8 (currently amended) An applicator, comprising:

a base member and needles fixed therein; ;

each of ~~the~~ said needles comprising a base with a rod, a sharpened portion, and a head; ;

said needle bases being made of steel, copper, chromium, nickel, or silver, and being provided with a coat made of chromium, nickel, copper, or silver; ;

~~characterized in that~~ at least a portion of said needles ~~are~~ being made with solid and/or partial coats;

in the case of partial coating of said needle bases, the areas close to said sharpened portions thereof are formed by at least two materials having different electrochemical potentials, ~~while ; and~~

needle bases and coats are made of chemical elements selected from a group additionally including cobalt, aluminum, magnesium, zinc, tin, titanium, vanadium, beryllium, gold, platinum, palladium, strontium, tellurium, and alloys and oxides thereof.

Claim 9 (currently amended) An applicator according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein:

~~the~~ said needles are arranged in ~~the~~ said applicator in such a way that adjacent needles comprise different base and coat materials.

Claim 10 (new) An applicator for use in reflexotherapy comprising:
a base member, and needles fixed therein;
each of said needles comprising a rod, a sharpened portion, and a head;
at least a first portion of said needles being different from a second portion of said needles in terms of materials said needles are made of and/or materials of coatings; and
said coatings on one of said portions of said needles being made partial, and including at least two materials having different electrochemical potentials, to provide exposure to a surface of contact between each such needle and an epidermis of a user of said applicator.

Claim 11 (new) The applicator according to claim 10, wherein:
said coatings on a portion of said needles are made multi-layered.

Claim 12 (new) The applicator according to claim 10, wherein:
said needles are disposed in said applicator in such way that adjacent needles differ in materials exposed to the surface of contact areas thereof with said user's epidermis.

Claim 13 (new) The applicator according to claim 11, wherein:
said needles are disposed in said applicator in such way that adjacent needles differ in materials exposed to the surface of contact areas thereof with said user's epidermis.